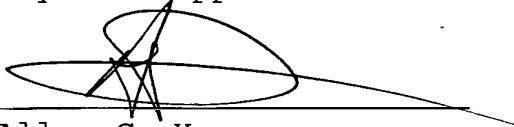


The recitation in claim 1 of "a ligand other than a gonadotropin" is supported in the specification on page 5, lines 28-29.

Favorable consideration and early allowance are respectfully solicited.

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